

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, many of the things that Senator Haberman has said cry out for an immediate response. However, if I do that, we will never lay the factual basis for your understanding what the six allegations are. And, therefore, I am going to direct my attention to what was my job and that is to describe to you what the committee felt or what the eight members of the committee felt who filed this resolution with regard to Specification Number One, the Duty Not to Misrepresent, and that is found for your information on Page 1313 of the Journal. And the crucial sentence is this. Paul L. Douglas did knowingly misrepresent his knowledge of his receipt of \$32,500 from Marvin Copple to David Domina in a sworn statement. This particular item is being taken first because it is the first specification in the resolution. However, chronologically it is the last in time. And I would ask you to direct your attention to the period of time after the insolvency of Commonwealth, after November 1st. Shortly after November 1st there were revelations that the Attorney General was involved in lot transactions involving Marv Copple and involving Commonwealth. At that point in time he disqualified himself and David Domina was appointed Special Attorney General. Subsequent to that point in time because the government was under fire, because the government was under suspicion, Domina took on to investigate all of those areas wherein the confidence in government was the question. One of those areas that he was compelled to review was the conduct of certain public officials and because of the newspaper accounts of the lot transactions, specifically the transactions and involvement of the Attorney General. The Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Domina took the deposition of Attorney General Paul Douglas. Prior to that deposition he sent Mr. Douglas a letter and in that letter he named Marv Copple, he named S. E. Copple, he named others, and he said with respect to yourself, Mr. Attorney General, please furnish us with the following information as it relates to any business transaction, any business transaction direct or indirect in which you have been involved with any of the persons or entities identified in part one, that is Marv Copple, and it says, furnish us with a general description of each such business relationship or